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TO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO PRIORITY

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SUBJECT; AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT

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FOR CHARGE FROM AMBASSADOR

1. APPRECIATE YOUR DRAFT TEXT AND HAVE REWORKED IT TO BRING IT CLOSER TO MY OWN STYLE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU SEE ANY PROBLEMS.

2. SUGGEST YOU CABLE SPANISH TRANSLATION TO ME, EITHER IN PANAMA UNTIL FEBRUARY 5, OR IN LIMA, FEBRUARY 6 OR 7.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: I AM HONORED TO BE RETURNING TO CHILE TODAY AS MY COUNTRY'S AMBASSADOR, AND I AM PERSONALLY DELIGHTED AT THE PROSPECT OF SERVING IN A COUNTRY OF SUCH IMPORTANCE AND SUCH BEAUTY.

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL IN CHILE, AND I HAVE SINCE VISITED SANTIAGO BRIEFLY FROM TIME TO TIME. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE INDISPENSIBLE CONTRIBUTION WHICH CHILE HAS MADE TO THE HISTORY

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AND DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA AND, INDEED, OF THE

ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

CHILE IS A NATION OF THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PRIVILEGE OF ENJOYING THE RICHNESS OF ITS LIFE IN EVERY FIELD, AND TO MAKING MANY NEW FRIENDS.

IT IS ALMOST EXACTLY 150 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST ENVOY OF THE UNITED STATES ARRIVED IN CHILE. OVER THOSE YEARS THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES HAS BEEN DEEPENED AND BROADENED IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT I, TOO, MAY HAVE SOME SMALL SHARE IN THE STRENGTHENING OF THAT FRIENDSHIP.

THIS IS A MOMENT OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE HISTORY OF CHILE. THE UNITED STATES IS WATCHING WITH SYMPATHY AND INTEREST THE ENDEAVOR OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE TO SATISFY THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND IDEALS THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND IN THEIR OWN WAYS. AS CHILE COOPERATES FREELY IN PURSUIT OF COMMON GOALS WITH ITS FRIENDS IN THIS HEMISPHERE, IT WILL FIND THE UNITED STATES RESPONSIVE. I CONFIDENTLY EXPECT THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY IN PURSUIT OF THESE GOALS, AND I HOPE TO PLAY A PART IN FOSTERING THIS COOPERATION. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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